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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Applicants

FROM: Bob Donnelly, Director, Medicare Drug Benefit Group

RE: Issuance of guidance regarding updates to conditionally approved formularies in September 2005

DATE: August 10, 2005

We are issuing guidance regarding updates that may occur to conditionally approved formularies during an open period in September 2005. This open period will allow Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Applicants the opportunity to enhance formularies prior to the beginning of the benefit year (January 1, 2006).

Additional guidance concerning the process for monthly formulary updates that will occur after January 2006 will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Babette Edgar at 410-786-0400 or Aaron Eaton at 410-786-2058.